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Attorney Docket No. 24911
Serial No. 09/509,418

BOX PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

KOROPATNICK et al.

Examiner: J. Epps

Serial No.: 09/509,418

Art Unit: 1635

Filing Date: July 11, 2000

For: **ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AGAINST THYMIDYLATE
SYNTHASE**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated September 20, 2001. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on December 20, 2001. Enclosed is a Petition for a three-month extension of time which upon grant will extend the due date to March 20, 2002. Thus, this Response should be considered timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 4 and 12, amend claims 1, 3, 5, and 9-11 and add new claims 13-14 as outlined in Appendices A ("mark-up" copy) and B ("clean" copy) enclosed herewith.